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Applicants: K. FUJIMOTO et al.  
Serial No.: 09/700,874  
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For: SCALABLE DISK ARRAY CONTROLLER  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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December 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to December 17, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.